

August 2009

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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

From the Tribal Council's last publication of information within the July Newsletter, numerous developments have taken place including: Chitimacha Tribal legislative amendments and proposals, progressing economic development initiatives, adoption of the final draft of the Tribe's Strategic Plan, and State Legislation dedicated to the preservation of our native homelands. Hopefully, you will find the following informative and we vow to continue to provide updates and developments to our Tribal members.

To begin, recall that a Constitutional Amendment proposing that elected Council Members be subjected to particular ethical policies was on the June General Election ballot and had passed by a majority vote. Following the Election, the certified election results were forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior requesting a formal letter of approval and confirmation of the election results. The Tribe is now in receipt of this information and the provisions of this Amendment are now in effect.

Speaking of Constitutional Amendments.....the Tribal Council convened on August 20th at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting where Resolution CHI-TC #41-09 was considered and unanimously adopted. This resolution initiates the process for obtaining approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election for the consideration of a referendum to our Tribal Constitution that proposes amending Article III, Section 1(a)(2). More specifically, this amendment proposes that the present constitutionally mandated blood quantum standard for tribal membership as "at least one-sixteenth (1/16) degree Chitimacha Indian blood..." be changed to a lineal descendancy standard with no blood quantum requirement. If the amendment is passed, it will apply to all persons born to Tribal member parents, whether alive at the time of the amendment or thereafter.

A survey was included within last month's Newsletter that sought the input from all Tribal members on their thoughts regarding a proposed amendment with four alternatives: (1) leave the blood quantum requirement at one-sixteenth (1/16), (2) change the blood quantum standard to one-thirty second (1/32), (3) change the blood quantum standard to one-sixty fourth (1/64), and (4) change to lineal descendancy. Sixty-five (65) responses were received with the following results: fifteen (15) chose to leave as is, five (5) were in favor of changing to one-thirty second (1/32), ten (10) suggested a change to one-sixty fourth (1/64), and thirty-five (35) indicated their preference for changing to lineal descendancy.

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First, we would like to thank all of those who participated. This survey was intended to serve as an indicator of the wishes of our Tribal membership so the Tribal Council could make an informed decision. As you can see, the resulting amendment that will be placed on the ballot reflected the majority vote of those who participated in the survey.

In order for the vote to be meaningful, two choices will be offered on the ballot - either no change or lineal descendancy, with the latter being the one that received the most responses in the poll. If there were more than two choices, the likelihood would be that no single option, including that of "no change", would receive the needed majority of votes in accordance with the provisions of our Tribal Constitution and the election would be ineffective.

We hope that approval of the proposal will be obtained from the Secretary of the Interior in time for the next General Election in June 2010. Information has been provided within the Newsletter on several occasions and a presentation given at this past June General Meeting on this issue; however, if there are any further questions that you may have, please direct them to the Council.

Moving along, we would like to provide updates on several continuing developments and also inform you of a State Bill that recently became law pertaining to the preservation of two significant elements of our aboriginal homelands and culture. They are presented in the following order: (1) S&F Hotel in Raintree Village, (2) The Innovation Group Casino Performance Analysis and Hotel Feasibility Study, (3) Raintree Market, (4) the 2009-2011 Chitimacha Strategic Plan, and (5) Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board.

S&F Hotel. A 48 room hotel proposed by S&F Development has progressed past government review with construction underway since our last Newsletter update. This hotel will be located on four acres of property, acquired from the Tribe, at the corner of East Loop Road and Ralph Darden Memorial Parkway within Raintree Village. Our contact with S&F Developers has indicated that they estimate a total construction time of ten (10) months.

The Innovation Group. In the June/July Tribal Newsletter, we shared that the Council has entered into a contractual agreement with The Innovation Group for the purposes of analyzing the Casino performance and the possibilities for future development. We are proud to report that the operational review component of the project is 99% complete and the development component is 90% complete.

The evaluation has been comprehensive. The Innovation Group has reviewed and analyzed both gaming and nongaming operations at the Casino – slots and table games, marketing, food and beverage, entertainment, etc. They have conducted customer satisfaction surveys and are currently analyzing the possibilities, associated costs, and return on investment of a hotel.

The Tribal Council will meet with the Innovation Group during the latter part of September to review progress to date. We look forward to the presentation and will keep you abreast of the progress.

Raintree Market. From past updates, we have informed the Tribal membership of the ongoing progress in the development of a grocery store named Raintree Market. The Tribal Council has committed to pursuing this economic development opportunity.

We are pleased to announce that the Tribe will receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that will be dedicated to the funding of the roadways and parking areas required to serve the facility. Administrative employees of the Tribe have traveled to the BIA Eastern Region headquarters recently to meet with both the Contracting Officer and the Technical Representative to negotiate the provisions of the contract and to review the 50% completion plan submittals for the roads and parking portion. The comments have been forwarded to the design consultant to implement into the construction documents for the 90% review.

The final building construction documents are anticipated to be completed within the coming weeks. Equipment list and placement locations are the remaining items that have been evaluated which will be incorporated into these documents. Once completed, the documents will be forwarded to government agencies for their review and comments.

Financing Options and debt service amounts have been submitted from the lender, Whitney National Bank. Financing options that are being considered include a conventional loan, CD secured and New Market Tax Credits. Each of these methods will have a few debt-to-equity scenarios to be evaluated by the Tribal Council. The plan is to submit the alternatives to Associated Grocers to run the numbers through the Proforma developed for this project to evaluate that we are still moving in the appropriate direction with overall expenses and revenue projections. This should also provide us with the best alternative regarding the financial route that will be most beneficial to the Tribe.

2009-2011 Chitimacha Strategic Plan. Last October, the Tribal Council began the process of developing a strategic plan for our Tribe. While the Council has certainly identified needs and developed plans in the past, this has been a more comprehensive and formal process than ever before. It began with finding a consultant to guide and assist us in our endeavor. After seeking proposals and credentials from several firms specialized in facilitating strategic plans, M3Planning out of Reno, Nevada was chosen to assist with the task.

Following the execution of a contract between the Tribe and M3Planning, a meeting between the Tribal Council, Tribal staff and the consultant was conducted for each to provide input regarding their needs, goals and accomplishments. Then, a survey instrument was developed and sent out to those tribal members 18 years of age and older. The results of the survey were summarized and presented at the January General Meeting. We then felt that interviews with some of our elders and youth would be beneficial to obtain their ideas for the future.

The Tribal Council and Strategic Planning Committee then met with representatives of M3Planning to prioritize identified goals, activities, and needs. And through many, many conversations, webinars, and emails, the final document was officially finalized and adopted at the Tribal Council meeting on July 23, 2009.

As you review the plan document you will find the following: the tribal mission statement, the accomplishments of 2008, the overarching priorities identified throughout the process, the detailed goals and activities addressing the priorities, programmatic goals and objectives, 5 year comparative data, an internal and external assessment, survey and interview summaries, and the economic development philosophy.

The strategic plan is a “living” document and will be changed and updated as necessary. The current plan covers 2009-2011. Please be aware that goals and activities listed for 2010 will be implemented as funding permits.

The Chitimacha Strategic Plan can be found on the Tribe’s website at Chitimacha.gov. For those that do not have access to a computer and would like a copy, feel free to contact Kim Cook at the Tribal office (337-923-4973) and we will mail a copy to you.

Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board. The Tribal Council would like to acknowledge two individuals that are responsible for the development of the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board, specifically State Representative Sam Jones and Tribal member Roger Stouff. State Representative Sam Jones of Franklin authored a bill to form an advisory committee to save an environmental and cultural area in St. Mary and Iberia parishes. The bill passed the House and Senate without opposition and Governor Bobby Jindal signed it into law. The bill created the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board under the auspices of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Jones said he conceived the need for saving the cove and lake in discussions with Tribal member Roger Stouff and from his own experiences fishing the area.

“What’s been created is an advisory board that has a little more authority, in that it is allowed to accept grant money if we’re able to get that far along,” Jones said.

Prior to construction of the Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee, the lake system stretched some 70-80 miles, a wide, massive expanse of water that included Lake Dauterive, Fausse Point, Grand Lake, Six Mile Lake that emptied at the mouth of Atchafalaya river. The levee dissected this, and Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove were stranded on the south side of the levee. Both sides of the flood protection structure have ultimately suffered the same fate: siltation and loss of water quality and quantity.

“You have the great history of the Cypress Inn and all of that,” he said. “Then you have even the longer history of the Chitimacha’s native place. That drove me to ask the tribe to house the committee and assign two members to it, take some license to the fact that it is a homeland.”

The bill became law August 15th, and appointments are expected before a meeting sometime after Labor Day, Jones said. “In the long view, I hope we can see some dredging of the siltation,” Jones said. “When you think about what’s going on with coastal protection where they’re trying to build barrier islands and all that, that siltation can actually become a product.

As Tribal members, we owe a great deal of gratitude to these individuals for the recognition of the need for the preservation of a very significant part of our aboriginal lands. Our ancestors would be extremely pleased with these endeavors. We must remain optimistic that progress will be made by the committee to achieve its intent.

In closing, we would like to inform everyone that our bi-monthly Tribal Council meetings have been tentatively set for the first and third Thursdays of each month. Should the Council be aware in advance of a circumstance where a quorum will not be present for a regularly scheduled meeting, a notice will be posted for a rescheduled meeting date. We hope to see you there!

Nito,

Your Tribal Council



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Resolutions for the Month of July

- #30-09 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign any and all documentation necessary to contract for the Design and Construction of Market Lane, Magnolia Drive, and Raintree Parking “A” (two roads and parking area for Raintree Market), and authorizes a portion of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) funds to be used for the maintenance of the existing Tribal roadway inventory.
- #31-09 Adopts and implements the 2009-2011 Strategic Plan in its entirety.
- #32-09 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit a FY 2010 Indirect Cost Proposal to the Department of the Interior, National Business Center, in order to provide the distinction between direct and indirect costs associated with contracts and grants, and to negotiate and sign any and all documents pertaining to this proposal.
- #33-09 Authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to submit a FY 2010 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) application to the Department of Energy to pursue funding avenues that will allow for the replacement of inefficient energy consuming mechanical equipment such as Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems with higher efficient systems, and to negotiate and sign any and all documents pertaining to this proposal.
- #34-09 Tabled.
- #35-09 Authorizes a land lease for Joshua Louis Vilcan.
- #36-09 Authorizes a land lease for Brian James Darden.
- #37-09 Reappoints Don A. Darden as an Associate Gaming Commissioner for a term of three years.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



JULY 2009

For the month of July 2009 the following traffic citations were issued—four for speeding, two for stop sign violations, and one each for exhibition driving and not having a child properly restrained in a vehicle.

Eighteen verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for July 2009:

07-03-09	One male and one female arrested for domestic abuse battery.
07-04-09	One female arrested for criminal trespassing.
07-04-09	Two females arrested for contributing to criminal trespassing.
07-05-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
07-05-09	One male arrested for second degree battery.
07-05-09	Two females arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
07-05-09	One male arrested for simple assault and simple battery.
07-12-09	One male arrested for simple battery.
07-19-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
07-25-09	One male and one female arrested for simple battery.
07-26-09	Three males arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.

On 07-08-09 One juvenile petition was filed in Tribal Court charging a 17 year old male with simple assault.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

The 2009 National Night Out Against Crime Event that took place on August 04, was another success this year. Over a 130 adults and children from the community attended or participated in the program. We could not have held this event without the help of sponsors and community members donating items and their time to assist. We would like to acknowledge and say a special thanks to the following:

The Tribal Council	Chitimacha Fire Protection
Acadiana Bottling Company	UMCOR Sager Brown
Faucheux Brothers Airboat Services	Service Communications of Acadiana
Charentan Beach Tanning Salon/Gift Shop	Streva Distributing Company
Target Stores	Chitimacha Recreation Center
The Corner Cottage	Curtis Nelson Electric
Nannie's Country Corner	Nic Nacs & More
Little Pass Baptist Church	Gloria Loston—Mary Kay Products



Chuck Guillory, Derik Savoie and J. C. Anderson of Disciples of Christ Ministries for the wonderful job they did in providing our music.

Karen Matthews, Director of the Chitimacha Human Services.

David Ducote—Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries

Fire Chief Rick Cook, Blair Rivette, and Earl Tyler—Chitimacha Fire Protection.

George and Anna Breaux, Tasia and Chance Burgess, Julie and Barry Persilver, Mrs. Ann Vilcan, Jade Millet, Ciera LaBiche, Elaine Dwyer, Jenesse Dwyer, Kitty Vilcan, Karen Smith and Brenden Surgens—thank you all for contributing to our event.

Of course, we can't forget our very own Chitimacha Police Department Employees and Reserve Officers who willingly came out and gave of their time.

Hope we have not left anyone out. We appreciate all that everyone did to make this event such a success. We look forward to an even bigger event next year!

***Reminder! School Has Started—15 MPH in the School Zone
Drive Slowly & Watch For The Kids!***

Below and on the next page are random photographs of The 2009 National Night Out Against Crime Event.





NOTICE FOR BID:

Please be advised that the *Chitimacha Tribal Police Department* has a **2001 Ford Explorer XLS, Black** in color, **4.0 liter 6 cylinder**, with **Automatic Transmission** to be sold by method of closed bid.

Vehicle was purchased new in **Sept 2000** and taken out of service in **March of 2009**.

Vehicle has 130,000 miles on it. Vehicle was running at the time it was parked with no major mechanical problems noted.

Some cosmetic repairs may be needed, all **major equipment**, lights, air conditioner, etc. were working prior to vehicle being taken out of service.

Vehicle will be sold **AS IS**.

All bids must be sealed. Bids can be turned in at the *Chitimacha Tribal Police Department* or the *Multi Purpose Office* front desk.

Make sure all bids have **current contact information**.

Bids will be opened **Monday, September 21st, 2009** at **2PM** at the *Chitimacha Tribal Police Department*.

For more information please contact Chief Blaise Smith at (337)923-4964.



TRIBAL COURT NEWS

**Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court
Chitimacha Tribal Court**



Unfortunately, the costs of processing and case file management are continuing to rise. The issue of an increase in court costs was brought before the Tribal Council on August 20, 2009, and approved by Resolution CHI-TC #34-09 and made effective on that date.

All new cases will be assessed these fees as outlined in the Schedule of Costs and/or Fees. This tool is to be used as a guideline for filing fees.

Individuals filing for Petition for Disbursement of Funds for income tax purposes will not be allowed to file an Affidavit of Substantial Hardship Order. All court costs for these filings must be paid in advance prior to filing a petition.

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

JULY CASES: (31)

12 Civil Actions (9 Garnishments/3 CV Complaint)

14 Domestic (12 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/ 1 Petition for Divorce/1 Petition for Guardianship)

2 Traffic (2 CV TR Infractions)

1 Juvenile

0 Criminal

2 Probate (2) Petition for Possession

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (9)

(7) Assignment/Liens/(2) UCC-1 and Assignment of Lease

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (1)

(1) Marriage License

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN
JULY, 2009
(41)**

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: JULY

Tribal Court conducted **two (2)** regular sessions during the month of **July**. The first regular session was scheduled for **July 14, 2009**, at which time **20** matters were scheduled to be heard. **2** matters were continued until later dates. No matters were dismissed.

(06) DOMESTIC
(03) TRAFFIC
(07) CIVIL
(01) JUVENILE
(03) CRIMINAL

A second regular session was scheduled for **July 28, 2009**, at which time **25** matters were scheduled to be heard. **3** matters were continued until later dates and **1** matter was dismissed.

(04) DOMESTIC
(01) TRAFFIC
(05) CIVIL
(05) JUVENILE
(10) CRIMINAL

Our next regular session is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, September 1, 2009**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806**; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana. Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COURT

**P.O. Box 610 343 Navarro Street
Charenton, LA 70523
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SCHEDULE OF FEES AND/OR COSTS

Please note that this Schedule of Fees and/or Costs is intended to be used as a guide in estimating court costs. If multiple pleadings are filed, please contact Tribal Court for assistance to determine the proper costs.

All pleadings must be filed on letter-size paper. If pleadings are not filed on letter-size paper, they will be subject to be returned to the proper office for re-issuance to Chitimacha Tribal Court.

Pleadings may be fax filed with the original to be received by Chitimacha Tribal Court within three (3) business days of same.

Effective: 08/20/09

Approved by Resolution CHI-TC #34-09

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL COURT

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND/OR COST

**All fees and/or costs are payable in advance unless otherwise stated or authorized.*

CIVIL ACTIONS

FILING FEES: (Per Document)

PETITION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS (Income Tax purposes only) \$50.00
(\$50.00 for one individual; additional \$10.00 for each individual added to Petition)
(Affidavit of Substantial Hardship not applicable for these cases)

PETITIONS AND/OR COMPLAINTS \$100.00
 (INITIAL AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL) plus applicable service fees

NOTICES, MOTIONS, EXCEPTIONS, INTERROGATORIES,
 REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION, ETC.
 Plus applicable service fees \$20.00

**Executed Orders and/or Judgments are also assessed a \$20.00 Fee.*

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

FILING FEES: (Per Document)

ALL INITIAL PETITIONS \$100.00
(Divorce, Child Support, Child Custody, Per Capita Disbursement,
Adoptions, Guardianship, Successions, etc.)
 Plus applicable service fees

SUBSEQUENT PLEADINGS \$20.00
(Motions, etc.)
**Plus Applicable Service*

COURT ORDERED-PAYMENT OF SUPPORT TO CLERK

LATE FEE (If payment not received as ordered) \$25.00
 RULE TO SHOW CAUSE (Filing and Service Fees on Reservation) \$50.00
 RULE AND JUDGMENT \$50.00

TRAFFIC

PROCESSING FEES: PER CITATION	\$40.00
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(Payment Prior to Hearing if Applicable)

Processing Fee + Standard Fine

(Payment Following Appearance at Hearing)

*Processing Fee + Court Ordered Fine + Witness Fee
+ Appearance Fee*

(Payment Following Hearing after Failing to Appear)

*Processing Fee + Court Ordered Fine + Witness Fee
+ Failure to Appear Fee*

SERVICE FEES

(Mileage Costs (If Applicable) Invoiced following completion of service)

OFF RESERVATION <i>(Per Defendant)</i>	\$30.00
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ON RESERVATION <i>(Per Defendant)</i>	\$20.00
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THROUGH SECRETARY OF STATE <i>(Per Ins. Co.)</i>	\$80.00
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SUBPOENA AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

PROCESSING FEE <i>(Per Subpoena and/or Subpoena Duces Tecum)</i>	\$20.00
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DUPLICATE ORIGINALS <i>(Per Subpoena and/or Subpoena Duces Tecum)</i> <i>Plus applicable service fees</i>	\$10.00
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COURT FEES**TRIAL COURT**

HEARING/CONFERENCES	\$50.00
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(Invoiced at conclusion of Action)

JUDGE TRIALS <i>(Per Day of Minimum)</i>	\$75.00
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(Invoiced at conclusion of Action)

JURY TRIALS <i>(Advance Deposit Required)</i>	\$2500.00
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Payable within 10 days from execution of Order!!!!

ORAL ARGUMENTS – APP. COURT	\$2500.00
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COURT FEES CONT'D

APPELLATE COURT

PETITIONS FOR REVIEW <i>(Plus Bond to be set by the Trial Court)</i>	\$100.00
BRIEFS/MEMORANDUMS, ETC (Per Document) <i>(Plus Applicable Service Fees)</i>	\$30.00
APPELLATE COURT ORDERS/DECISIONS	\$20.00
ORAL ARGUMENTS <i>(Minimum)</i>	\$100.00

WITNESS/JUROR FEES

(Witnesses Answering Subpoena)

ALL LAY PERSONS <i>(Per day plus mileage one way)</i>	\$25.00
POLICE OFFICERS <i>(Per Day)</i>	\$50.00
APPEARANCE FOR JURY SELECTION <i>(Per day plus mileage one way)</i>	\$40.00
APPEARANCE FOR SERVICE ON JURY PANEL <i>(Per day service is require, plus mileage on way)</i>	\$50.00
<u>Expert Witness Fees to be approved and ordered by the Court!!!</u>	

RECORDATION FEES:

ASSIGNMENTS	\$35.00
MORTGAGES <i>(Per Page)</i>	\$10.00
CERTIFIED COPIES <i>(If Copy Provided-Per document)</i>	\$10.00
<i>(If not Provided- Per document)</i>	\$10.00
MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS <i>(Leases, Wills, Power of Attorney, Cash Sales, etc., Per document)</i>	\$20.00
CANCELLATION CERTIFICATE	\$10.00

ADMISSION FEES

PETITION FOR ADMISSION <i>(Includes copy of Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice)</i>	\$100.00
ADDITIONAL COPY	\$100.00

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

COPIES <i>(Per Page)</i>	\$1.00
CERTIFIED RECORD <i>(Per Page)</i>	\$1.00
FAXES <i>(Per Page per fax filing received)</i>	\$1.00
FAXES <i>(Per Page per fax received for any individual)</i>	\$1.00
COURT TRANSCRIPTS <i>(Per Page)</i>	\$5.00
MORTGAGE CERTIFICATE <i>(First Name)</i>	\$20.00
<i>(Each Additional Name)</i>	\$10.00
VERBAL <i>(Per Name)</i>	\$10.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES <i>(Plus Recordation cost for St. Mary Parish)</i>	\$30.00

OUTSTANDING COURT COSTS

LATE FEES	\$35.00
<i>(To be assessed every 30 days as applicable unless a Financial Agreement is made)</i>	

Any other proper and reasonable expenses deemed as Court Costs shall be determined by the Judge after the proceedings are completed!!!!

Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

August 2009



Congratulations!

I am pleased to inform you that the Nashville Area Office awarded the Chitimacha Health Clinic for excellent performance in GPRA (Government Performance & Results Act) for meeting 20 out of 21 health system measures! Thank you Dr. Gautam & Dr. Boustany for caring to provide the best possible patient care! I also want to thank all of the staff for your efforts, as everyone plays a part in bringing about these results. Please join me in congratulating the staff for a job well done!

Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955, Ext. 3001.

Clinic: Hours of Operation:

Monday -Thursday 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.

Friday - 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Physician Hours/for patient appointments:

Monday - Tuesday from 9:00a.m.-12:00, & 1:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.

**Please inform receptionist if you are unable to schedule appointment before 5:00p.m. due to work schedule/other, clinic will accommodate patients & schedule appointments on Monday or Tuesday after 5:00p.m. as needed.*

Wednesday - Thursday - 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Friday - 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Contract Health Service - Services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

Dental Clinic: Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is ***extremely important*** to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we can easily schedule another patient.

Judith's Diabetic Corner

Judith Dupuis, Dietician, Certified Diabetes Educator

Fighting diabetes together!
Contact Judith on each Wednesday of the month
@ 337-923-9955, ext. 3011

Diabetic Blood Glucose Targets

Taken from: Diabetes Management January/February 2009 edition

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) have both published recommended blood glucose targets for most adults with diabetes. These targets are based on research findings to prevent or minimize the chronic complications of diabetes. Certain populations, such as pregnant women, elderly people, and people with health conditions besides diabetes, require special considerations. For healthy adults, maintaining an HbA1c below 6.0% may further reduce the risk of long-term complications but may increase risk of hypoglycemia. Goals should be individualized based on safety considerations.

American College of Endocrinology:

Current targets for glycemic control (blood sugar) are:

A1C <6.5%

Fasting/Preprandial <110 mg/dL (before the meal)

2-hr Postprandial <140 mg/dL (2 hours after the first bite)

American Diabetic Association standards are:

Current targets for glycemic control (blood sugar) are:

A1C <7.0%

Fasting/Preprandial 90 – 130 (before the meal)

2 hr Postprandial < 180mg/dL (2 hours after the first bite)

For more information about diabetes and help with controlling blood sugar please call the clinic for an appointment or call me on a Wednesday.



Recreation Newsletter

August 2009

Pool: Try to come out and enjoy the pool before it closes for the season. The closing date is getting near. Pool hours on Fridays have changed. We're still open 7:30 AM-7:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday, Friday 7:30-11:30 AM and 3:00-7:00 PM. Saturdays and Sundays are from 1:00-7:00 PM.

All Stars: We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Baseball/Softball All-Stars of 2009. A few of them are pictured. They are as follows: Dynah Sedatol, Erica Compton, Peyton Trahan, Amanda Vilcan, Katie Vilcan, Dymond Darden, and Marlena Darden.



CPR Class: A CPR recertification class was held on Tuesday, August 18, with 12 employees from Yaamahana, Health, Police, and School. On Wednesday, August 19, a CPR/First Aid Class was held with 6 employees from Yaamahana, Health, and School.

Cross Country: Practices began on Monday, August 17, with 19 participants from grades 4-8. Due to the excessive heat, practices are taking place in the late evenings. Runners will be on the roads and sidewalks between 6:30 and 7:30 PM. Please give us a hand by keeping a watchful eye out for our runners. We have two groups of runners, running a distance from 1-2 miles. When cooler weather allows, practice times will change to 4 PM. We're looking forward to competing against St. John, St. Joe, Glencoe, Highland Baptist, and newcomers, Tunica Biloxi Tribe.

Soccer: Registration was held August 17-20. Practices will begin on August 25th at the Sports Complex. Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, and one Thursday, beginning September 9. The first game will be held at 6 PM, with a second game to follow. Please come out and support our youth. Concessions will be sold.

ChitFit Bootcamp: Our new exercise class is open to all employees of the Tribe, as well as Adult Tribal Members and their spouses. Please see the attached flier below for more information.

Emails: Keeping our Tribal Members informed has always been one of our number one priorities. Sometimes it is difficult to reach all Tribal Members if your child does not attend Yaamahana or Chitimacha Tribal School. We have created a database that includes email addresses, in addition to home phones, cell phones, etc. If you currently are not receiving emails from Recreation, and would like to be informed of upcoming registrations, etc., please see the flier attached on the next page.

As a reminder, upcoming sports include **Girls' Jr. High Volleyball and Flag Football** for boys.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

ChitFit

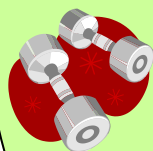
Bootcamp



Are you ready to start looking good and feeling great? Join us at 4:30 pm in the school gym with tennis shoes ready to get started.



What is it? It's a combination of strengthening exercises and cardio.
But can I do it? Of course you can! There will be modifications for each exercise. You can choose the best one for you.



What do I need? Comfortable shoes, towel and a good attitude.
How long does it last? 30-45 minutes, Monday-Thursday



Come on and just try it. Use your fitness time when you can. If you are interested, send me an email at jstblanc@chitimacha.gov, so that we can have your mat ready for you. Looking forward to helping you achieve your fitness goals.



Thanks, Jeri
Recreation

CHITIMACHA RECREATION

(337) 923-4975

In an effort to keep our Tribal Recreational Participants informed on upcoming events, fitness and pool hours, etc., we are updating our database with email addresses, home and cell phone numbers. If you already receive emails from Recreation on upcoming events, please use this form for any new information that you would like to include in our database. We currently send fliers to Chitimacha Tribal School and Yaamahana, and emails to employees and non-tribal community members. We realize that there may be Tribal Members that we are not reaching. If you'd like to be added to our database for future emails, please choose one of the following options to return this information.

- Fill out and return the provided form by mailing to:
Chitimacha Recreation
P. O. Box 661
Charenton, LA 70523
- Email us at tammy@chitimacha.gov
- Call us at (337) 923-4975
- Drop off at 312 Chitimacha Loop (Recreation)

Chitimacha Recreation

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Circle one of the following: Tribal Tribal Spouse Tribal Household

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Other information: _____

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



2009-2010 CTS School Year

Summer has carried over into the 2009-2010 school year!

This year CTS is "Deep into Learning"! Our school theme allowed staff to transform our school into a watery paradise which has welcomed students, parents, and community members to a brand new school year with a big "splash"!

Again the school's theme will be incorporated into many of the school activities including teachers' lessons, 9-week pep-rallies, and other school programs. Staff wasted no time this summer preparing, reviewing, and revising subject area, and it is definitely visibly around the school campus. Big news "floating" through the halls is the fun new flip charts teachers prepared for students so that concepts are presented in as many ways as possible so that maximum learning takes place.

During the first two days of staff in-service, staff members reviewed updates concerning the school policies and procedures, school programs, budgets, parental involvement, student/parent handbooks, CSRP plan, PIAP plan, CIMP plan, school improvement team, special education procedures, safe and drug free curriculum, duty schedules, and discipline policy and procedure. Staff members also attended presentations from Human Services and the Chitimacha Police Department. The staff is required to have 10 hours of safe and drug free continuing education per school year. (students are required to have 40 hours each year.) Thank you to the Human Resources and Chitimacha Police Department for their time and energy.

Reported By Janeen Robicheaux:

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are off to an awesome start in the 2009-2010 school year. Everyone seemed eager and excited to begin a new school year. In reading and language arts, students will focus on improving their writing skills by incorporating the Four Square Method as a way of planning and organizing their ideas. This method will give the students another tool to add to their expanding knowledge of writing.

(pictured right: 6th graders at their lockers)



Sixth graders are accepting the challenges of life in the middle school setting. They are adjusting to changing classes, having multiple teachers, and the task of becoming more independent. The CTS staff works diligently to ensure that a successful transition takes place.



Mrs. Michelle



Ms. Chelsey



Mrs. Scarlett



Mrs. Kendra

New members to the CTS team...

A warm welcome goes out to Mrs. Michelle Caro, Ms. Chelsey Cook, Mrs. Scarlett Darden, and Mrs. Kendra Lester

Michelle is a paraprofessional for this 2009-2010 school session. Most of her time will be spent assisting 5th grade students, and she will also be working with students in other grades as well. She is looking forward to her new position and eager to be an asset to Chitimacha Tribal School.

Michelle has been married for twenty years to Tony Caro and has two wonderful children still at home: Becca (14) and Tony (12). She also has two awesome stepchildren: Telah Caro and Shayna Caro Hines.

Michelle has been involved here at the school and has worked in various departments

on the reservation for five years. Her ambition is to make a difference in children's lives.

Chelsey is a paraprofessional working with students in the second through fourth grades. Chelsey is a former CTS student, and finds it very rewarding to assist students who need her help. Chelsey graduated from West St. Mary High School and has two years of college behind her. She is also a certified dental assistant and has worked with Dr. Roy and at the Chitimacha Health Clinic. She has also worked at the Chitimacha Museum.

Chelsey is the mother of 2 children: two-year-old Jasey, and Jude, who will soon have his first birthday! Jasey and Jude will soon begin attending Yaamahana three days a week. Chelsey feels fortunate to have her mother assist with child care the other two days!

Chelsey loves spending time with her fiancé, Justin Walker, and their children. She also enjoys scrapbooking and various types of crafts. She looks forward to the year ahead here at CTS.

Scarlett grew up and has lived most of her life on the reservation. She has been married to John Paul Darden Sr. for over 30 years and has two children, Jackie and John Jr. She and John Paul and I have 5 grandchildren, Dymond, Ethan, Landon, Mea, and Benjamin.

Scarlett enjoys camping, boating, bike riding, and spending time with her family. She has several dogs and two horses. Her hobbies include basket making which she learned from her grandmother, Ernestine Walls. Scarlett has received numerous awards for her basketry including the Governors Award for Artistry in 2007. Along with her many awards, Scarlett was inducted into the Louisiana Folk Artist Hall of Fame.

Scarlett also looks forward to working at CTS and thanks the tribe for giving her the opportunity to work with the school.

Kendra will be teaching fifth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year, and she has begun by showing much enthusiasm and encouragement toward her students. She is a very organized person, arriving early each day to assure that all is in order. Kendra has been married for over five years. She has one son, Spencer, 2 years old, and two step-children, Shianne, 13, Austin, 11.

Kendra and her family reside in Loreauville. In her spare time, Kendra enjoys spending time with her family and playing with her three dogs, ReRe, Cassie, and Bella. She also enjoys reading and going to the movies.

Kendra has a B.S. in Business Administration from ULL and is certified to teach elementary education (grades 1st-5th) and 4th – 9th grade science. She has three years of experience behind her and looks forward to her career at CTS!

We welcome you to the CTS family!

Special Note(s):

Congratulations to our CTS nominees...

Mrs. Tanya and Mrs. Tori!

As CTS principal for the past 9 years, Mrs. Tanya has been instrumental in CTS achieving and maintaining AYP status. However, her passion is seeing the students succeed, not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. She works tirelessly and selflessly for the betterment of all students and staff.

Mrs. Tori has filled the precious minds of her students for 9 years. Mrs. Tori teaches 4th grade at CTS and strives to make a difference in each student. She has not only inspired her students, but she has also given them lasting memories that will be in their hearts and thoughts for a lifetime.

To Mrs. Tanya and Mrs. Tori...You have the admiration and full support of the CTS staff for your courageous dedication and undying love for our students.

Good Luck!

CTS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK O & M FOR ALWAYS
ASSISTING WHEN NEEDED.



Please Join Us... “Prayer around the Flag Pole”

Please come out on the morning of September 11th for the annual prayer ceremony that will begin at 7:45.

This special event allows students, parents, staff, and community members to join together and be thankful for the many blessings that we have come to share.

We can't wait to see you there!




PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

The staff and students were anxious and excited to get started with the new school year. The students did an excellent job with the school routine and procedures. I know we are going to have a very successful school year.



Chitimacha Tribal School

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Family Preservation Summit 6:00 –8:00 p.m. Chitimacha Tribal School Gym</i>	3	4 <i>Spirit Shirt Forms/ Payment <u>DUE!!</u></i>	5
6	7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL	8 <i>1st Grade Star Student</i>	9 <i>4-H Meeting 2:p.m. Ben Paulino-BD Billy Mora-BD Bishop Boutte-BD Gabe Parro– BD</i>	10 <i>Wear your Crocs/ Flip Flops For 2 Eagle Bucks!</i>	11 <i>End of 1st Mid Nine Week period Always Remember 9-11 Prayer around the Flag Pole at 7:45 a.m. Landon Darden- BD</i>	12 MaKenzie Broussard-BD
13 <u>Grand- parents Day</u>	14 <i>Pizza & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sept. 14th-30th 2nd Grade STAR STUDENT</i>	15 <i>Progress Reports Sent Home Grandparents Day-Visit @ 2:00-2:30 p.m. Yearbook signing 1:45 P.M.</i>	16 <i>Open House At 6:00 p.m. Chitimacha Tribal School Gym</i>	17	18 <i>4th Grade Bake Sale</i>	19
20	21 <i>ISEP Count Week 3rd Grade Star Student</i>	22 <i>ISEP Count Week Sheila Gaddy-BD Pam Tate-BD</i>	23 <i>ISEP Count Week Jude Boudreaux-BD School Pictures 8:00 a.m. <u>WEAR UNIFORMS</u></i>	24 <i>ISEP Count Eagle Buck School Store!</i>	25 <i>ISEP Count Week Trent Darden-BD Carla Newman-BD Ring Ceremony 2:30 p.m.</i>	26
27	28 <i>Debbie Halphen– BD NATIVE AMERICAN HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL</i> 	29 <i>4th Grade Star Student</i>	30 <i>Daniel Sisk-BD</i>			



Pictured at left is John Paul Darden, Director of the RiverCane Senior Center & Vice Chairman of the Chitimacha People along with the two new arrivals.



Pictured at right is Mrs. Jennifer Nugent (1st row @ left) and her mother, Mrs. Catherine (2nd row @ left) along with most of the ladies & gentlemen who participated in a project of collecting baby articles for a special layette to be given to Mrs. Nugent as a gift at a surprise Baby Shower given in her honor in early July, 2009. The shower and gifts were sponsored by some of the members residing in the RiverCane Center.



Mrs. Nugent comes to us as a Community Educator with Heart/Hospice. The ladies who participated in the project were: Mrs. Virgie & Rhonda, Mrs. Hazel, Ms. Helen, Mrs. Anita, Mrs. Ida, Mrs. Georgia, Mrs. Joyce ("Cookie") and Mrs. Ann.

At the time when the twins came to visit, in all the excitement of holding, talking, laughing and all of what was going on, Mrs. Nugent stated that the twins (a boy & girl) came early, not the scheduled date of August 3, but actually July 14, 2009... Wow! Yet even better, no one could recall the names of the babies! (Think we were not enjoying those babies!!)

How often does an occasion like this happen in one's lifetime?...Awesome!

Article and photos submitted by Mrs. Ann Vilcan.

Employee of the Year Nominees For the April – June 2009 Quarter



Ann Kimberly Cook
Administration

Rachel Vilcan
Cultural Department



James Pellerin
Gaming Commission



Tori Louviere
CTS 4th Grade Teacher



Jackie Darden
Tribal Courts



Supervisor of the Year Nominees



Antonine "Joe" Dressel
Gaming Commission

Ellen Hebert
Tribal Police



Brian Millet
Tribal Police



Kenneth Perry, Sr.
Fire Protection

Tanya Rosamond
Tribal School

Blaise Smith
Tribal Police



Greg Waguespack
IT Department



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CHITIMACHA TRIBAL STAFF NEWS

At the Quarterly Staff Meeting held on August 13, 2009, Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, recognized the following employees in appreciation of their hard work, loyalty and dedication to the Chitimacha Tribe of LA for their Years of Service :

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
5	Kim Cook	Administration	Administrative Secretary	06/04/2004
5	Jennifer Naquin	Chitimacha Tribal School	Food Services Manager	08/02/2004
10	Earlene Thomas	Chitimacha Health Clinic	Medical Records Coder	09/07/1999
15	Greg Waguespack	Information Technology	IT Manager	06/06/1994
15	Denise Sexton-Faust	Gaming Commission	Vender Compliance Officer	06/18/1994
15	James Pellerin	Gaming Commission	Compliance Officer	7/25/1994
15	Roxanne Jolet	Gaming Commission	Compliance Officer Supervisor	08/05/1994
15	Julia Rogers	CECHP	Plan Specialist	08/07/1994
15	Mackolyne Petry	Gaming Commission	Investigator	08/22/1994

CONGRATULATIONS!!



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Let's Get Ready

United States
**Census
2010**

What is the Census?

Every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation conducts a census — an effort to count every person living in the United States. This multibillion-dollar operation requires years of planning and more than a half million temporary workers.

The key to this endeavor is having every household fill out and mail back a completed census form.

- **It's easy.** – The census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to answer and return by mail.
- **It's confidential.** – Your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine – or both – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.
- **It's required by law.** – The information you provide is combined with responses provided by your neighbors and other households across the country, to provide summary statistical data that are used by various local, state and federal agencies.

Why is the Census important to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana?

Census data affects funding for your community, your community's representation in Congress and your community's planning decisions.

•Census affects your voice in Congress:

- Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures.

• LA Could Lose House Seat:

- It is especially important to get an accurate population count in the 2010 Census because our declining population may result in a decrease of our US House of Representative seats.

•Census affects your representation in state and local government:

- Census data are used to define legislature districts, school district assignment areas and other important functional areas of government.

This is just a brief overview of the many advantages for our Tribal Nation's participation in the 2010 Census. There is so much more information to share with you and keep you informed with the upcoming 2010 Census! Look for additional Census articles in future newsletters.



The "Shema"

In Hebrew, Shema literally means "hear." It is found in Deuteronomy 6:4 -- "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." It goes on to read, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

The devout Jew recites the Shema every morning and every evening. It is among the first teachings that a Jewish person learns to say, and it comprises the words uttered as they breathe their last breath. When saying the Shema, a person typically covers his or her eyes to shut out any distractions and to enhance focus on the meaning of the words.

When a lawyer, one of the Pharisees, trying to trip Jesus up, asked Him, "which is the great commandment in the law?"

Mat 22:37 Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

Mat 22:38 This is *the* first and great commandment.

Mat 22:39 And *the* second is like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

In verse 37 Jesus quoted the Shema to him. Which is the first and great commandment. But He went on to say, the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

If we call ourselves Christians, we must love everyone! We are not to love their sin but everyone means everyone. Black or white, red or yellow, Jew or Gentile! As Christians we are to love our brothers and sister in Christ especially. We are to be with one mind with Christ. The church is divided by doctrine and color, and that is not God's will for the Church.

I pray that the Holy Spirit work on each and every Christian heart and bring us into the unity of the Spirit.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
(Mark 1:15)

God Bless You All,
Bro. Orien

God's love does not keep us from trials; it helps us through them.
Sin is a heart disease that can be cured only by the Great Physician.

Feel free to join us anytime. Services: Sunday School 9 A. M.; Sunday Worship 10:30 AM;
Intercessory Prayer 6 P.M. Thursday 7 P.M.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

7/28/09

On behalf of the girls
12 + under all stars we
extend our gratitude to the
Julie for their generous
donation made for our
Regional tournament in
Eagle Pass, TX. The girls
experienced a wonderful
time in a different culture
and played hard close
to Mexico!

We are blessed to be a
part of a tribe that cares
about children and their
future.

Erica Compton
Family



Rabies Clinic

Dr. Adrienne Aycok, D.V.M. will be issuing shots on
Saturday, September 12, 2009 @ the Pavillion next to the
Museum parking lot between 8:00am – 10:00am

Rabies shots \$8.00

(Tribal Member's Animal – Rabies Shot Free)

Combo Shots \$15.00

(All Animals, including Tribal - Combo shot only for Dogs)



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